

These National Urban Search and Rescue Task Force functional courses are usually delivered under contract to the 28 US&R teams. Course materials may be requested by writing to the US&R Program Office at DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472 Attn: Richard Brown.

**US&R Task Force Leader Training Course:**

The primary purpose of this course is to train US&R Task Force Leaders in all aspects necessary for their task force to be prepared to deploy to an incident in a timely, competent and effective manner, following the policies and procedures of the National US&R System. The objectives of this course include:

1. Understand the US&R Response System, and the integration of IST and task forces into the local infrastructure;
2. Understand the task force deployment Cycles;
3. Understand the various US&R forms and terminology;
4. Understand the working relationship between the IST and Task Forces;
5. Understand the task force organizational structure and the functional responsibilities of each position; and
6. Understand the preparedness, response and; post-mission activities of the Task Force.